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TO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL MINING CO.

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1. O'NEILL TELEPHONED FROM NEW YORK JULY 30 TO TELL LITTLE THAT HE HAD HAD MEETING OF OVER ONE HOUR LAST FRIDAY WITH AMBASSADOR BOTERO. O'NEILL SAID THAT HE HAD DESCRIBED THE SITUATION AND, IN RESPONSE TO BOTERO'S QUERY AS TO WHETHER COMPANY WAS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE, HAD RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY AND HAD OFFERED DETAILED ACCOUNT OF RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER OF MINES AND OTHERS IN BOGOTA. BOTERO SUGGESTED IT IMPORTANT THAT COMPANY HAVE GOOD LEGAL COUNSEL IN COLOMBIA AND WAS IMPRESSED WITH FACT THAT FIRM HAD ENGAGED URRUTIA AND THAT ARBALAEZ WAS ACTING FOR COMPANY AS INTERMEDIARY. AMBASSADOR OFFERED TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE CHAVARRIA, WHO IS IN WASHINGTON FOR COMMITTEE OF 24 MEETING.

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2. O'NEILL SAID THAT URRUTIA WILL BE MEETING WITH
MINISTER OF MINES TODAY TO DISCUSS QUESTION FURTHER. HE
MENTIONED ALSO THAT PRIETO OF ANDI HAD MET RECENTLY WITH
THE MINISTER OF MINES TO SAY THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR WAS
OPPOSED TO EXPROPRIATION OF GOLD MINES AND WAS FAVORABLY
DISPOSED TOWARD PARTICIPATION IN THE MINING COMPANIES,
BUT THAT THESE COMMENTS FELL LARGELY ON DEAF EARS. ROGERS

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